



## DECR chairman concludes his visit to Lebanon



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On 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Metropolitan Anthony of Volokolamsk, chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate's Department for External Church Relations, visited the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Beirut.

Mr Alexander Rudakov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Lebanon, gave a dinner in honour of the delegation of the Russian Orthodox Church. Invited to it were also Metropolitan Silouan of Byblos, Botris and Dependencies (Mount Lebanon); Metropolitan Nifon of Philippopolis, representative of the Patriarch of Antioch and All the East to the Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus'; Archimandrite Philip (Vasiltsev), representative of the Patriarch of Moscow and All Rus' to the Patriarch of Antioch and All the East, rector of the Russian Orthodox

Church's Metochion in Beirut; Archimandrite Seraphim (Shemyatovsky), rector of the Moscow Metochion of the Orthodox Church of the Czech Lands and Slovakia; Archpriest Igor Yakimchuk, DECR deputy chairman; Deacon Nikolai Vasin, secretary to the DECR chairman; and Mr Yegor Skopenko, executive director of the Foundation for the Support of Christian Culture and Heritage. The guests received a warm welcome from the Russian Ambassador and his spouse.

The DECR chairman expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Ambassador and the staff of the Russian diplomatic mission in Lebanon for their assistance prior to and during the visit.

In the Beirut airport, Metropolitan Anthony and other delegation members were seen off by Metropolitan Silouan of Mount Lebanon, Metropolitan Nifon of Philippopolis and Archimandrite Philip (Vasiltsev).

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